

THE BULLETIN



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CALENDAR

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 1973, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Twilight Jazz with Maurice — "Fats Waller Jr." and his New Dimensions in Jazz featuring Larry Richardson, bass; Clyde Lucas, drums; and introducing song stylist Mary Lynne.

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 5:30 to 8 p.m. — Reception in honor of Jimmy Kilgallen's 85th birthday. Tab \$5. For reservations call Mary Novick 581-8700. (See story on this page).

Monday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. — Semi-annual Membership Meeting.

Tuesday, November 13, 5:30 to 7 p.m. — Shop Talk with Schuyler G. Chapin, Manager, Metropolitan Opera. (Details next issue).

BOARD ACTIONS

SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Semi-annual Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, October 29, 1973, at 8 p.m. Members are urged to attend and participate in the discussion of matters vital to the OPC. (Dinners available in the third floor dining room from 6 to 8 p.m.).

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Article X, Section 3 of the By-laws states: *Non-resident dues are applicable to members residing and/or working outside of the Greater New York area, which area shall extend to a radius of fifty (50) miles from the city limits of the City of New York....*

The Board of Governors has unanimously amended this section to read: **A resident member is one who either lives or primarily works in the five boroughs of New York City.**

This means that all members residing and/or working outside the five boroughs of New York City will be from now on classified as non-resident members and will be charged annual dues accordingly.

The measure was taken as it was realized that the majority of our members outside the city limits rarely have the opportunity to attend OPC

UPI REPORTERS COVER REVOLUTION IN CHILE DODGING BOMBS AND BULLETS

By STEVEN H. YOLEN

(Steve, son of past president Will Yolen and UPI bureau manager in San Paolo, Brazil, was in Santiago substituting for vacationing Arthur Golden, UPI manager for Chile, when armed forces overthrew the government of President Allende).

SANTIAGO, CHILE — The United Press International office in Santiago is particularly well located for certain things. It is only two blocks from La Moneda, the Presidential palace. And across a pleasant little square is the Defense Ministry. On the morning of Sept. 11 those of us caught in the office wished it were not so centrally located.

Luis Munoz, day editor, came in to work at 8 a.m. and heard the startling news that President Allende had gone to the palace around seven. That was highly unusual as he usually gets in around mid-day. Munoz alerted me at the Hotel Carrera and I came on the run without shaving or eating.

Roberto Mason, national news editor, was called and got in by nine. Others at the office were Hugo Lamberg, telephoto operator, H. Villota, teletype technician, Oton Gutierrez, national service reporter and Mario Vaca, messenger.

At 9:15 a.m. the radio broadcast a military demand that Allende resign. I pushed out a quick bulletin and about three adds when Allende grabbed a radio line and said he would not resign even if they bombarded the palace. I had tape on this bulletin punched and ready to transmit when all communications lines were cut.

At 9:50 a.m. a tank column rolled up in front of our office and four tanks took up positions in the pleasant little plaza. At 9:55 a.m. all hell broke loose. The tanks opened up on La Moneda. Machinegunners and riflemen opened up on us. We were pressed flat to the floor on our stomachs as bullets ricocheted around the office or plopped off the walls. Luckily, we were getting shot at from ground level. As we are on the ninth (and top) floor the trajectory was not too dangerous as long as we stayed under window height.

The next six hours were horrible. The firing never ceased. Gutierrez missed being hit in the face by about six inches when he peered out a window to see the spectacular aerial bombardment of La Moneda.

At 5 p.m. the main fighting was

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ATTORNEYS WILL ANALYZE COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS

At two forthcoming seminars of the Practicing Law Institute, attorneys for major publishing and broadcasting media and others experienced in the field will analyze the new problems facing the field of communications.

The seminars "Communications Law Explosion" will be held November 1-2 at the Barbizon Plaza in New York and November 29/30 at the Sir Francis Drake in San Francisco.

The program will focus on new problems of both the editorial and business sides of the media highlighted by the recent Supreme Court decision on obscenity and the Pentagon papers. Among other subjects, the group will analyze the libel and right of privacy law including the practice of disposing of libel cases without trial.

James C. Goodale, senior vice president for law of the N.Y. Times, will chair both seminars.

functions or use the club's facilities and therefore feel paying the higher resident dues unjustified.

Furthermore, it is expected that the new provision will attract many newsmen on media in Westchester, on Long Island, in New Jersey and Connecticut to join the OPC.

CURRENT WORLDWIDE OPC BLUE CROSS-BLUE SHIELD COVERAGE EXPLAINED

By LOU FRANKEL

For more than thirteen years the OPC has offered its members Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage via a group plan and for that many years OPCers all over the world have submitted their claims and been paid.

Not every member was happy with the payment but all payments were according to the coverages listed in the policy. And now, with some OPCers off on their first overseas assignment, others retiring outside the USA, and others based away from Metropolitan New York City, a recap of some simple, albeit often forgotten, guidelines may help:

- What we familiarly refer to as Blue Cross-Blue Shield is actually The Associated Hospital Service of New York.

- Their address is 622 Third Avenue, New York City, 10017.

- Address all queries and claims to the attention of Subscriber Service, Group Number 122-227. Be certain every letter and every check bears the legend -Group Number 122-227. That legend will route your letter to the person handling the OPC account; its a time saver.

- If you file a claim from a foreign country the chances are that the hospital statement and doctor's bill will be in a foreign language; be sure to attach an English translation; again it saves time and lessens aggravation.

- The only overseas hospital that accepts your Blue Cross card and bills the Blue Cross in New York, is the American Hospital in Paris. All others bill you and you submit the bill to New York.

- Your hospital and doctor benefits are less once you move out of the immediate area, i.e., Metropolitan New York City. If you are planning to move it would make sense to write Associated Hospital Service, before you leave, and ask them for a copy of the hospital and doctor schedules for the new location.

- Blue Cross covers your hospital expenses. Outside the New York area it might be \$30 a day for a maximum of 120 days plus 80% of ancillary services.

- Blue Shield covers the doctor's bills according to a published schedule. In New York City your doctor may charge \$9.00 for an office visit and Blue Shield may refund \$5 to you; don't assume the same schedule will apply in your new location. Write As-

sociated Hospital Service for a schedule of payments.

- A group policy costs less than an individual policy. If you want the same coverage, in your new location, as you had in New York you may want to join a local group, if one is available. This is another reason for getting a copy of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield payment schedules before you move. Knowing what the OPC group plan provided you can compare costs and benefits.

- If you do resign from the OPC Blue Cross-Blue Shield don't worry. You can rejoin so long as you are a member of OPC.

- To repeat: if you are moving away from Metropolitan New York write Associated Hospital Service, give them your new location, and ask for a copy of hospital and doctor payment schedules; also ask for some blank payment forms.

- Note the address:

Associated Hospital Service of New York, 622 Third Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017-Att: Subscriber Service -Group Number 122-227.



Admiral Noel Gayler, Commander in Chief of all U.S. armed forces assigned to the Pacific, addressing a well-attended luncheon on September 26. Admiral Gayler outlined the vital military and diplomatic tasks in upholding our relations with our allies and other nations in the Pacific area from the Aleutians to the South Pole and from the West Coast of the Americas to the Indian Ocean.

OPC vice president Joe Peters presided at the luncheon which was arranged by David Anderson. Drew Middleton of the N.Y. Times introduced the Admiral.

"NEWSBREAK" BOOK TO BE OUT EARLY IN 1974

The OPC book "Newsbreak", scheduled for publication by Stackpole of Harrisburg, Pa, early next year, will contain 20 outstanding news stories in history.

Leading with the story of creation by Stan Swinton, among other contributions the book will feature James Kilgallen's "The First Homicide - Cain & Abel," Louis Cassell's "Columbus Discovers America," and Dr. Ben Lieberman's "Discovery of the Printing Press."

All profits from the book will go to the Overseas Press Club.

Editors of the work are past OPC presidents Will Yolen, chairman of the Publications Committee, and Will Oursler.

OTHER PRESS CLUBS...

Detroit

Like most clubs and everybody else, the Detroit Press Club has been hit by inflation. According to its Newsletter of September 28, the club was regularly losing up to \$3,000 a month on its food operation and the loss reached \$6,000 in August.

Hopefully to get out of the red in its kitchen, the club is raising some of its food prices, dropping no less than 10 items from its menu, and - believe it or not - reducing prices on a few items.

Here are some of the changes: buffet up from \$2.85 to \$3.75, the biggest hike; shrimp boat up from \$1.95 to \$2.70; sandwiches: ham from 90 cents to \$1.15, roast beef from \$1.15 to \$1.40, sliced turkey from \$1.00 to \$1.65, and chicken salad from 85 cents to \$1.45. But reduced are a salad dish from \$2.50 to \$2.35 and hot tuna muffin from \$1.65 to \$1.25.

Incidentally, the Detroit Press Club is celebrating its 15th anniversary on November 2.

IMPORTANT

SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1973, 8 P.M. MEMBERS
ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

(Chile Coverage Continued)

over, La Moneda was in flames and Allende dead. The military allowed the populace an hour to get away from the center.

Lamberg, Munoz and Villota were sent home. Mason, Gutierrez, Vaca and I stayed to be joined by Horacio Villalobos, an Argentine photo stringer. Villalobos had been on the streets for much of the six-hour battle; his photo of Allende's last public appearance on the balcony of the presidential palace, taken at 9 a.m. shortly before the troops surrounded the palace, was front-paged throughout the world.

When night fell the firing began again—heavy. We dared not stand up. Troops were worried about snipers still. A squad of soldiers burst in and searched the office, looking for weapons.

Mason and Gutierrez deserve a medal for bravery above and beyond the call of duty. During the very worst of the battle, they stayed glued to telephones—and the floor—keeping open a link with Mendoza, Argentina, the only communications line to the outside world. They kept a running account going to New York via Mendoza and Buenos Aires.

At Mendoza, UPI stringer Victor Doblado handled the early news and picture relays and was later joined by UPI staffers Jorge Brinsek, Robert Sullivan and South American news-pictures editor John Mantle from Buenos Aires.

Wednesday, we were trapped all day in the office. Fighting and mopping up operations continued all day. Another squad of troops burst in on us, almost firing as they entered, and again searched us and the office for weapons.

We slept Tuesday and Wednesday night on the floor of the office, freezing because all of the windows were shot out and of course there was no heat.

The curfew was finally lifted Thursday (Sept. 13) at mid-day. Villalobos and I had a bowl of soup at his hotel. All we had eaten since Tuesday noon had been part of a hard-boiled egg and a chicken sandwich. Mason and Gutierrez went home for well-deserved rest and Munoz came in to handle the desk with two local service reporters to help out. Vaca, who had run up and down stairs bringing us water to boil for coffee (luckily we had some instant coffee), was sent home to rest. Villalobos and I spent a third night on the floor of the darkroom, where the wind did not

penetrate.

Finally, Friday morning (Sept. 14) at 11 o'clock I made it back to my hotel to shave, shower and eat my first meal in five days. My legs were shaking from having crawled or stooped for so long. My knees were sore. But I was alive.

The UPI office took a total of between 200-300 bullets. Two went through the radiophoto receiver. One knocked the clock off the wall. One wall looked like the face of the moon for the craters. Bullet fragments were everywhere. I picked up a few as souvenirs.

POINTS OF ORDER..

From time to time, the Bulletin will publish excerpts from our Constitution and By-laws which may clarify some OPC actions currently of interest to our members.

If a member shall become indebted to the Club...he shall be billed for such amounts....If the amounts owing are not paid within 30 days following such billing, the Treasurer shall render him a statement of his account, with notification that in the event of non-payment within 10 days thereafter, his name shall be posted on the Club Bulletin Board and he shall be banned from using the Club's facilities. The Credit Committee shall have the authority to suspend temporarily the credit and house privileges of any member whose house dues or other charges remain unpaid beyond the period of 10 days after such notification or to delay such action in exceptional cases....

When a member's indebtedness to the Club has reached \$250....the Credit Committee...shall have the authority to suspend his credit as it sees fit....The Committee shall also have the authority to deal with the matter of bad checks....

If at the end of 69 days following termination of credit, a member's house charges remain unpaid, the Board of Governors shall have the authority to terminate his membership. The Board shall have similar authority in cases of repeated cashing of bad checks or other gross violations of the credit rules.

(Article X, Sections 5 and 6. of the By-laws)

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WhoWhatWhere

By GRACE NAISMITH

PUBLISHING EVENTS: **Ruth Winter** has a new column, **YOU**, nationally syndicated by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. It is also syndicating her new book, "Ageless Aging", to be published in October by Crown. Ruth and her husband, Dr. Arthur Winter, are in Tokyo attending the International Congress of Neurosurgeons, of which he is a member... **Ben Lucien Burman's** book, "Look Down That Winding River", so distinctly illustrated by his wife, Alice Caddy, is now in its third printing. Taplinger is the publisher. **Norman Cousins** calls the book "a beauty by every measure."

HONORS: The Medical Care Systems, builders of hospitals, is honoring **Agatha Young** with a portrait to be placed in the Ascutney Hospital in Windsor, Vermont, where the well known medical writer has given so much of her time and energy to better medical care... **Albert Wall** of Medical World News has been elected president of the American Medical Writers Association's metropolitan area—New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

HITHER AND THITHER: **Russell F. Anderson**, president of McGraw-Hill International Publications Co., who makes his headquarters in London, will be in New York, arriving from Tokyo, for two weeks beginning Oct. 22. He will be accompanied by his wife, Pamela, who writes a newsletter for Americans who live overseas, "Yanks/Aboard." Launched a year ago, the newsletter has subscribers in over 85 countries... **Walter Henry Nelson**, after 30 months away from N.Y., N.Y., leaving his London base to visit his publishers, Random House.

BROADCASTING NEWS: **Paul Steinle**, chief of Westinghouse Broadcasting Company's Group W Hong Kong News Bureau, is producing, with his wife, Peggy Printz, an hour-long documentary for television, called "Commune." It is an intimate look into the life of the people and institutions in mainland China communes.

NEW LOOK: **Barrett McGurn**, past president of OPC, has been named information director for the Supreme Court of the U.S., commencing Sept. 17. McGurn has been with the U.S. Information Agency this past year, and has been a government information officer for six years—press attache of the U.S. Embassy in Rome, embassy counselor for press affairs in Saigon and deputy spokesman for the Depart-

ment of State (1969-1972). McGurn received the Department of State Meritorious Honor Award in 1972, and, as a journalist, has received awards from the OPC, the N.Y. Newspaper Guild, the Silurians, the N.Y. Newspaper Reporters Association and Long Island University Polk Award. He is the author of three books, including "Decade in Europe"... **Leonard S. (Len) Smith** retired Sept. 1 from the news desk of The Denver Post, but will continue to serve as bridge editor. Smith writes two bridge columns a week, does newspaper coverage of three national championship tournaments and 20-plus regional and sectional tournaments a year. Len, in the '40's was OPC public relations chairman. He and his wife, Jodie, reside at 1217 Ash Street, Denver 80220... **James Flowers**, longtime former editor and syndicated writer for Hearst, named News Director and Press Secretary for Senator John Marchi, Republican candidate for Mayor of New York... **Julius Klein**, Major General retired, has been elected a trustee of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. General Klein served under Admirals Nimitz and Halsey in the South Pacific, under Generals MacArthur and Richardson in the Southwest Pacific Theatre, and in the Philippines under the joint command of the Army and Navy. The birthplace of Admiral Nimitz at Fredericksburg, Texas, is being restored by the State of Texas and will become a national shrine honoring the 5-Star Admiral... **Bill Foster**, editorial director of American City Magazine, N.Y. has gone to Sanibel, Fla. in "not quite retirement, just a roving assignment." Bill is on his third year as juror for the annual All America Cities award competition conducted by the National Municipal League.

OBITUARY

The husband of **June Melliés Reno**, Earl Clifton Reno, died Sept. 16 of heart failure at their country home in Sharon, Conn. In addition to his widow, he is survived by three adult children. Memorial services were held at St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Sharon.

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